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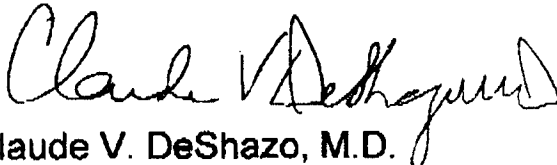
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter to show my support for the recent proposed settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It is my opinion that the settlement will provide the necessary push that the IT industry needs to help bolster the economy.

The economic troubles that America is facing all started when the antitrust suit against Microsoft was announced. Our stock market and economy went from being the best in history to being mired in a nasty recession. Microsoft is the one company that has the ability to save our economy, and since the settlement makes them work ever closer with their competitors, competition in the IT industry will benefit, and the economy will show gains.

The settlement that was reached is more than fair, and I support it.

Sincerely,

  
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